

PROPOSED REVISIONS

No employee shall give any student prescription medication, non-prescription medication, herbal substances, anabolic steroids, or dietary supplements of any type, except as authorized by this or other District policy.

Medication Provided by Parent

The Superintendent shall designate the employees who are authorized to administer medication that has been provided by a student's parent. An authorized employee is permitted to administer the following medication in accordance with administrative regulations:

1. Prescription medication in accordance with legal requirements.
2. Nonprescription medication, upon a parent's written request, when properly labeled and in the original container.
3. Herbal substances or dietary supplements provided by the parent and only if required by the individualized education program or Section 504 plan for a student with disabilities.

Medication Provided by District

Except as provided by this policy, the District shall not purchase medication to administer to a student.

Athletic Program

The District shall purchase nonprescription medication that may be used to prevent or treat illness or injury in the District's athletic program. Only a licensed athletic trainer or a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas may administer this medication and may do so only if:

1. The District has prior written consent for medication to be administered (see Medical Treatment, below); and
2. The administration of a medication by an athletic trainer is in accordance with a standing order or procedures approved by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas

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Epinephrine

The District authorizes school personnel and volunteers who have agreed in writing and been adequately trained to administer an unassigned epinephrine auto-injector in accordance with law and this policy. Administration of epinephrine shall only be permitted when an authorized and trained individual reasonably believes a person is experiencing anaphylaxis.

On Campus

Authorized and trained individuals may administer an unassigned epinephrine auto-injector at any time to a person experiencing anaphylaxis on a school campus.

The District shall ensure that at each campus a sufficient number of authorized individuals are trained to administer epinephrine so that at least one trained individual is present on campus during all hours the campus is open. In accordance with state rules, the campus shall be considered open for this purpose during regular on-campus school hours and whenever school personnel are physically on site for school-sponsored activities.

Off Campus

Authorized and trained individuals may administer an unassigned epinephrine auto-injector to a person experiencing anaphylaxis at an off-campus school event or while in transit to or from a school event when an unassigned epinephrine auto-injector is available.

Maintenance, Availability, and Training

The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations designating a coordinator to manage policy implementation and addressing annual training of authorized individuals in accordance with law; procedures for auto-injector use; and acquisition or purchase, maintenance, expiration, disposal, and availability of unassigned epinephrine auto-injectors at each campus, at off-campus events, and while in transit to and from a school event.

Notice to Parents

In accordance with law, the District shall provide notice to parents regarding the epinephrine program, including notice of any change to or discontinuation of this program.

Asthma Medication

In accordance with law, the District shall acquire or purchase unassigned asthma medication to administer to students with diagnosed asthma.

Each school nurse shall be authorized and assigned to administer unassigned prescription asthma medication to a student experiencing asthma symptoms but only on a school campus and only if the student's parent has provided written authorization that the student has been diagnosed as having asthma and that the school nurse may administer the medication.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations and designate an administrator at each campus to coordinate and manage implementation of this policy in accordance with the regulations.

The regulations shall address:

- A process for parents to submit the required written authorization;
- The required notifications to parents and health-care providers when medication is administered;

- Acquisition or purchase of at least the minimum required amount of medication for each campus and any processes to determine whether additional doses are needed;
- A list of authorized school nurses and their training requirements;
- Locations and security of medication storage;
- Procedures for administration, maintenance, expiration monitoring, disposal, and timely replacement of medication; and
- Required records retention.

In accordance with law, the District shall provide notice to parents regarding the unassigned prescription asthma medication program, including notice of any change to or discontinuation of this program.

**Administration of
Opioid Antagonist
Medication**

The District shall purchase and store opioid antagonist medication, such as Naloxone, to assist a person who may be experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. Only a registered nurse or other designated and trained District employee shall be authorized to administer this medication and may do so only in accordance with a standing order or procedures approved by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures addressing acquisition, maintenance, expiration, disposal, and availability of opioid antagonist medication in the District, as well as employee training and emergency notification requirements.

Psychotropics

Except as permitted by law, an employee shall not:

- ~~1.3.~~ Recommend to a student or a parent that the student use a psychotropic drug;
- ~~2.4.~~ Suggest a particular diagnosis; or
- ~~3.5.~~ Exclude the student from a class or a school-related activity because of the parent's refusal to consent to psychiatric evaluation or examination or treatment of the student.

Medical Treatment

A student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control shall annually complete and sign a form that provides emergency information and addresses authorization regarding medical treatment. A student who has reached age 18 shall be permitted to complete this form.

The District shall seek appropriate emergency care for a student as required or deemed necessary.